

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 6, with the following redlined paragraph:

A1 The message reader window 50-52, shown in Figure 9, is a two-part window that allows a user to play messages. When the reader is selected or a message is selected for playing, the first top portion 174 of the reader indicates whom the message is from, the subject of the message, and associated message text. The size of the rich media component for downloading is also shown in the message window. The user may toggle the second half 176 of the reader window, which allows the user to display the rich media portion of the message. When the rich media portion 176 is selected, the media player opens in the bottom portion of the window and the rich media starts streaming and playing in the media player window. A download indicator 178 shows the progress of the rich media download.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 24, with the following redlined paragraph:

A2 An avatar editor window allows a user to generate an avatar that looks and appears similar to the user. A wizard allows the user to select a head geometry that is similar to the head geometry of the user. A new avatar is generated based on an image of the user. Alternatively an existing avatar may be edited to the satisfaction ~~or~~ of the user. The avatar may be animated or driven by wavelet-based facial motion capture as described in U.S. Patent Application No.: 09/188,079 (WO 99/53443 A1), which is incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 9, with the following redlined paragraph:

A3 A directory 42 associated with the rich media communication system is shown in Figures 14 and 15. The directory includes an online directory 204 associated with a hierachal organization, a white page directory 206, and a yellow page directory 208. The online directory 204 allows the user to roam between the hierachal levels. The user may be in only one location at a time. Users at ~~they~~ their location are listed by their user ID or nickname. User may leave a

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card in order for other users to leave a message for him after the user has left an area. A button in the directory allows the user to toggle between all members at a location and live members at a location. A user may directly contact a live member in the directory.
